Production of Mustard

†1266. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to encourage the production of mustard of shankar prajati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States to increase the production of oilseeds including mustard varieties/hybrids.

Declining number of live-stock

†1267. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee has been set up to review the declining number of live-stock; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance for strengthening the infrastructure for quality milk

1268. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether assistance for strengthening the infrastructure for quality and clean milk production had been provided through regional milk unions and State Dairy Federations in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above assistance will be given to traditional milk societies of Kerala, engaged in procurement, processing and marketing of milk;

(d) if so, whether steps will be taken to change the norms and guidelines for extending financial assistance to above;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) The Government has sanctioned 12 projects under the Centrally Sponsored scheme 'Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production' in the State of Kerala at a total

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